

July 14, 2016

TO: City Manager, Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: All Department Heads
Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator

SUBJECT: Thursday Update

The following information is provided to you as a summary of activities for the week of July 4, 2016 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Work Session on Wednesday, July 20, at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the Work Session at 6:45 p.m., City Council is scheduled to hear a Board and Commission Chair presentation from Mike Hawkins of the Civil Service Commission.
2. Tracy Roblero met with the owner of the Country Arts Building at 9383 Main Street and his architect on Friday to discuss a proposed site plan and architectural design of a new two story commercial building on this site. The owner and architect wanted to get preliminary feedback on the site plan and building design before getting cost estimates. Tracy provided feedback to the owner and architect and they will be back in touch if the owner decides to move forward with the project.
3. Cindy Abner attended the annual Ohio Municipal League conference in Dublin last week. The primary focus was on the many changes that will affect municipal taxing jurisdictions due to the passage of House Bill 5 and SB172. The conference included further training on tax office confidentiality, phasing in the five-year net operating losses for businesses, changing tax forms to comply with ORC 718, and the new laws regarding employer withholding. The members of the panel who led the discussion on the Future of Municipal Income Tax urged tax administrators to keep in touch with their State Representatives in order to voice their opinions; and for area cities to continue to meet in local groups. Cindy will stay involved in upcoming trainings and meetings with the local CMIT group to make sure the City is compliant with the new laws.
4. Tracy Roblero met with representatives from Tide Dry Cleaners on Monday afternoon to discuss their interest in locating at The Vintage Club. Tide has submitted a Letter of Intent to Brandicorp for one of the buildings fronting Montgomery Road in the Village Section of the development. They have been looking for a site in Montgomery for a couple of years, but are also looking at additional locations in Symmes Township.
5. Tracy Roblero met with representatives from Brandicorp, Traditions Group and their sign design company on Tuesday to begin discussions regarding a comprehensive sign design for the Village Section of the Vintage Club. The overall sign design will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and may require modification of the established list of conditions and exceptions for the Vintage Club Planned Development.
6. Wayne Davis, Terry Donnellon, Brian Riblet, Tracy Roblero and representatives from Fifth Third Bank met with representatives from Brandicorp and Traditions Group to discuss an

updated cost estimate for the public improvements at the Vintage Club and the Tax Increment Financing District. The team also discussed other critical path items, such as the Request for Qualifications and Request for Proposals process for construction management, the legislative schedule and the construction schedule.

7. The internal Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA) team met with Gateway Partners on Tuesday to review updates on several key areas including the interchange modification, project design, finances and cost estimates of the public improvements. The team discussed several important issues and upcoming deadlines to keep the project moving forward.
8. The fire department held a written exam and an agility test for the position of part time firefighter/EMTs on Tuesday and Wednesday. The next step is a peer interview panel. Currently the department is looking to hire two to three personnel to fill vacant positions on the department.
9. Chief Wright attended a planning session on Wednesday for the revision to the Hamilton County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) hosted by the Emergency Management Agency. Additional meetings are planned for August 3rd and 24th. Chief Wright plans to use the County's new plan as a model for revising the City's current Emergency Operation Plan which is due for revision in 2017.
10. The Landmarks Commission met on Wednesday evening to consider an application for permanent signage for Legacy Builders Group who have recently moving into the Snider House at 7789 Cooper Road. After discussion, the Commission approved the application with conditions. The Commission also discussed a report prepared by Beth Sullebarger, Historical Consultant, on the Montgomery Inn out-building on Main Street.
11. This morning, Sister Cities Commission Chair Marcallene Shockey was featured on the Fox 19 morning news program (10:25 a.m.) to discuss Bastille Day (today!), our Bastille Day Celebration, and the featured food, music and entertainment at the event. Thanks to Stone Creek Dining Company for providing a sample of food for display on the show which will also be available at the Bastille Day Celebration. To watch Marcallene's interview click on this link: <http://www.fox19.com/clip/12592085/celebrating-bastille-day-in-the-tri-state?autostart=true>
12. This morning Faith Lynch spoke to Dan Manley of the Mid-Mornings on Main radio show on WMST radio in Mt. Sterling, KY (outside of Lexington, KY) about this weekend's Bastille Day Celebration. You can listen to the show here <http://www.wmstradio.com/shows/>.
13. Recreation and communications staff recently purchased an ad in CityBeat magazine for the Bastille Day Celebration. This serves to be an affordable opportunity to receive coverage for our premier street festival and reach a regional audience of urban young professionals. The ad is placed in the July 13 edition. (Copy from newspaper coming soon)
14. Income tax revenues for the month of June were \$587,633, which is an increase of 12.9% compared to collections of \$523,795 for June of 2015. The June Income Tax Variance Report is attached for reference.
15. Thursday morning Julie Prickett attended a Frost Brown Todd Labor and Employment Law Seminar. The seminar topic was the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and speakers provided an overview of the law with emphasis on recent revisions to FLSA regulations which will go into effect later this year.

16. Bastille Day this year has 135 volunteers scheduled to assist with a multitude of tasks preceding and during the event. Their help will greatly contribute to the success of the event and the City truly could not have a successful Bastille Day without their generous donation of time and assistance.
17. Invitations have gone out to 425 volunteers for the 2016 Volunteer Appreciation Days at the Pool. This event held August 1 through Labor Day, September 5, 2016, recognizes those volunteers for the period August 1, 2015 through August 1, 2016. These volunteers are in receipt of two free passes to the pool for any day and time they wish to attend during the appreciation event and a coupon for a drink and for an ice cream novelty at the pool concession stand. The City appreciates the various efforts of all of these fine volunteers throughout the past year.
18. On Monday morning, Terry Donnellon, Katie Smiddy and Wayne have a meeting scheduled with Sycamore School's Superintendent Frank Forsthoeful and Treasurer Beth Weber to provide them with an update on the progress of the Vintage Club and the Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA).
19. City staff across all departments continue to work on the development of their 2017 Budget requests to ensure that we keep on track with the annual budget cycle. This includes the City's operating and capital budgets and five year forecasts.
20. Please find attached Montgomery-related news articles that appeared in the local media since our last update.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

C: Wayne Davis, City Manager
Mayor and City Council Members
Department Heads
Terry Donnellon, Law Director

July 7, 2016

To: Wayne Davis, City Manager

From: Katie Smiddy, Finance Director *KMS*

Subject: 2016 June Income Tax Variance Report

Year to Date

For the month of June 2016, the City's total income tax receipts were \$587,633,238, which is an increase of \$63,838 or 12.19% compared to the actual amount collected in June 2015 of \$523,795. The variance is attributable to changes in House Bill 5 which changed the due date for second quarter estimates from July to June. This increase keeps us on pace to meet our income tax revenue projection for 2016. For the month of June, year-to-date revenues were higher than estimated revenues by \$76,625.

	2016	2015	% Change
May Actual	\$587,633	523,795	12.19%

	YTD Actual	YTD Estimate	% Change
2016	\$4,979,891	\$4,570,466	8.96%

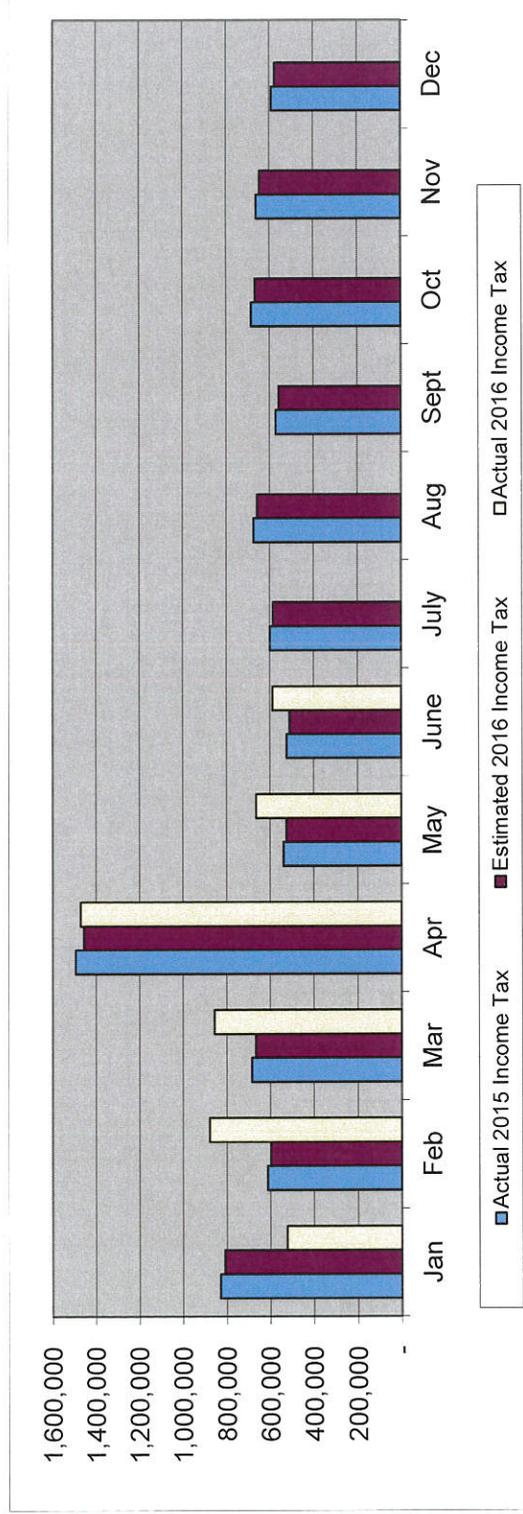
A breakdown by category for June 2016 is as follows:

- *Withholding*- June withholding collections were \$423,369 or a decrease of \$2,004 or (.47%) when compared to June 2015 collections of \$425,373.
- *Business*- In June 2016, net profits from businesses located within or doing business within Montgomery were \$42,164. This is a decrease of \$11,348 or (21.21%) compared to June 2015 collections of \$53,512.
- *Resident*- Revenues of \$122,100 were collected in June 2016 from residents living in Montgomery, which is an increase of \$76,893 or 170.1% compared to June 2015 collections of \$45,207.

The following schedule breaks down collections by source and provides a graph comparing actual and estimated income tax revenues for 2015 and 2016. There is also an End of Month report attached showing the comparison between month-to-date and year-to-date.

Schedule of Income Tax Collections by Source
Actual 2015 Compared to 2016 Estimate & Actual

	Actual 2015		Actual 2016		Total	2016 Estimate	Estimate Variance	%	Actual Variance	%
	Business	Resident	Business	Resident						
Jan	23,513	107,848	17,542	93,584	413,319	809,033	(284,588)	-35.18%	(304,833)	-36.76%
Feb	23,144	35,600	19,898	62,306	794,997	598,664	278,537	46.53%	263,556	42.95%
Mar	32,625	59,799	34,852	113,308	707,260	667,672	187,749	28.12%	171,042	24.99%
Apr	200,522	809,884	191,046	728,655	551,253	1,457,209	13,745	0.94%	(22,720)	-1.52%
May	4,704	46,282	25,740	119,339	519,159	526,881	137,357	26.07%	124,173	22.99%
June	53,215	45,207	42,164	122,100	423,369	511,008	76,625	14.99%	63,838	12.19%
July	43,778	119,709	436,938	600,425	-	585,767	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Aug	11,565	65,336	597,442	674,343	-	657,881	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Sept	72,931	95,947	403,803	572,681	-	558,700	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Oct	49,494	202,143	432,864	684,500	-	667,790	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Nov	22,469	67,277	571,953	661,699	-	645,545	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Dec	54,543	109,929	425,584	590,056	-	575,651	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Totals	592,503	1,764,963	331,242	1,239,292	3,409,357	8,261,800	4,979,891	28.1%	295,055	56.3%



CITY OF MONTGOMERY
 END OF MONTH REPORT
 30 JUN 2016

	2014	2015	2016	2016 vs 2015	2016	2015	2016 vs 2015
	Month-to-date	Month-to-date	Month-to-date	Month percent	Year-to-date	Year-to-date	Year percent
January							
Business	30,088.07	23,512.73	17,541.54	-25.3	17,541.54	23,512.73	-25.3
Resident	98,433.64	107,848.39	93,583.69	-13.2	93,583.69	107,848.39	-13.2
Withholding	561,961.06	697,916.73	413,319.13	-40.7	413,319.13	697,916.73	-40.7
Non-resident							
TOTAL	690,482.77	829,277.85	524,444.36	-36.7	524,444.36	829,277.85	-36.7
February							
Business	19,554.96	23,143.93	19,898.25	-14.0	37,439.79	46,656.66	-19.7
Resident	35,972.00	35,599.97	62,305.68	75.0	155,889.37	143,448.36	8.6
Withholding	526,120.56	554,901.24	794,997.47	43.2	1,208,316.60	1,252,817.97	-3.5
Non-resident							
TOTAL	581,647.52	613,645.14	877,201.40	42.9	1,401,645.76	1,442,922.99	-2.8
March							
Business	65,548.31	32,625.34	34,852.22	6.8	72,292.01	79,282.00	-8.8
Resident	93,912.57	59,799.20	113,308.35	89.4	269,197.72	203,247.56	32.4
Withholding	560,970.14	591,954.77	707,260.46	19.4	1,915,577.06	1,844,772.74	3.8
Non-resident							
TOTAL	720,431.02	684,379.31	855,421.03	24.9	2,257,066.79	2,127,302.30	6.0
April							
Business	162,577.53	200,522.41	191,045.97	-4.7	263,337.98	279,804.41	-5.8
Resident	871,031.68	809,884.09	728,654.75	-10.0	997,852.47	1,013,131.65	-1.5
Withholding	423,546.54	483,267.01	551,253.30	14.0	2,466,830.36	2,328,039.75	5.9
Non-resident							
TOTAL	1,457,155.75	1,493,673.51	1,470,954.02	-1.5	3,728,020.81	3,620,975.81	2.9

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May							
Business	12,930.75	4,704.39	25,740.19	447.1	289,078.17	284,508.80	1.6
Resident	27,158.29	46,281.83	119,338.61	157.8	1,117,191.08	1,059,413.48	5.4
Withholding	456,055.64	489,079.05	519,159.44	6.1	2,985,989.80	2,817,118.80	5.9
Non-resident							
TOTAL	496,144.68	540,065.27	664,238.24	22.9	4,392,259.05	4,161,041.08	5.5
June							
Business	57,579.92	53,214.95	42,163.54	-20.7	331,241.71	337,723.75	-1.9
Resident	70,483.42	45,207.48	122,100.35	170.0	1,239,291.43	1,104,620.96	12.1
Withholding	406,036.16	425,372.81	423,368.53	-0.4	3,409,358.33	3,242,491.61	5.1
Non-resident							
TOTAL	534,099.50	523,795.24	587,632.42	12.1	4,979,891.47	4,684,836.32	6.2
July							
Business	39,265.30	43,778.14		-100.0	331,241.71	381,501.89	-13.1
Resident	98,568.92	119,709.27		-100.0	1,239,291.43	1,224,330.23	1.2
Withholding	469,138.51	436,937.69		-100.0	3,409,358.33	3,679,429.30	-7.3
Non-resident							
TOTAL	606,972.73	600,425.10	0.00	-100.0	4,979,891.47	5,285,261.42	-5.7
August							
Business	19,419.83	11,565.02		-100.0	331,241.71	393,066.91	-15.7
Resident	93,554.36	65,336.37		-100.0	1,239,291.43	1,289,666.60	-3.9
Withholding	507,208.45	597,441.74		-100.0	3,409,358.33	4,276,871.04	-20.2
Non-resident							
TOTAL	620,182.64	674,343.13	0.00	-100.0	4,979,891.47	5,959,604.55	-16.4

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September							
Business	53,690.32	72,931.34	331,241.71	-100.0	465,998.25	465,998.25	-28.9
Resident	64,101.49	95,946.78	1,239,291.43	-100.0	1,385,613.38	1,385,613.38	-10.5
Withholding	404,765.95	403,802.50	3,409,358.33	-100.0	4,680,673.54	4,680,673.54	-27.1
Non-resident							
TOTAL	522,557.76	572,680.62	4,979,891.47	-100.0	6,532,285.17	6,532,285.17	-23.7
October							
Business	50,811.99	49,493.62	331,241.71	-100.0	515,491.87	515,491.87	-35.7
Resident	191,017.25	202,142.90	1,239,291.43	-100.0	1,587,756.28	1,587,756.28	-21.9
Withholding	406,636.90	432,863.59	3,409,358.33	-100.0	5,113,537.13	5,113,537.13	-33.3
Non-resident							
TOTAL	648,466.14	684,500.11	4,979,891.47	-100.0	7,216,785.28	7,216,785.28	-30.9
November							
Business	9,662.33	22,468.50	331,241.71	-100.0	537,960.37	537,960.37	-38.4
Resident	53,033.62	67,277.38	1,239,291.43	-100.0	1,655,033.66	1,655,033.66	-25.1
Withholding	540,511.53	571,953.31	3,409,358.33	-100.0	5,685,490.44	5,685,490.44	-40.0
Non-resident							
TOTAL	603,207.48	661,699.19	4,979,891.47	-100.0	7,878,484.47	7,878,484.47	-36.7
December							
Business	37,623.56	54,542.86	331,241.71	-100.0	592,503.23	592,503.23	-44.0
Resident	169,962.24	109,929.28	1,239,291.43	-100.0	1,764,962.94	1,764,962.94	-29.7
Withholding	393,799.81	425,584.20	3,409,358.33	-100.0	6,111,074.64	6,111,074.64	-44.2
Non-resident							
TOTAL	601,385.61	590,056.34	4,979,891.47	-100.0	8,468,540.81	8,468,540.81	-41.1

Montgomery recognized for innovation in local government

The City of Montgomery received the Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award from the Alliance for Innovation. This award recognized the city's successful technology service sharing partnership with Sycamore Community Schools.

Sycamore Community Schools and the City of Montgomery partnered on extending the fiber optics cabling system from

Sycamore High School to the city's public works facility, 7315 Cornell Road, to the rest of the city's network. This resulted in significant financial savings to the City, improved and faster network efficiencies and provided Sycamore Community Schools with additional resources to deliver services to both teachers and students.

"This service sharing partnership is a great example of what can be ac-

complished when two quality organizations work together for the benefit of the community," City Manager Wayne Davis said.

"The cost savings for the city have been significant but more importantly, the technology partnership with Sycamore Community Schools has allowed the city to enhance service capabilities beyond what could have accomplished on our own

and Sycamore Community School receives additional resources to support the students and school staff," community and information services director Matthew Vanderhorst said.

The Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award is given to local governments that have shown dedication to stretching and improving the boundaries of day-to-



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Community and Information Systems Director Matthew Vanderhorst received the Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award on behalf of the City of Montgomery.

day government operations and practices, implementing creative business processes, and improving the civic health of the community.

Montgomery sergeant graduates from FBI National Academy

City of Montgomery Police Sgt. Greg Vonden Benken along with 230 other law enforcement offi-



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cers graduated from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia.

The 263rd Session of the

National Academy consisted of men and women from 47 states. Included in the class are members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 27 international countries, four military organizations and five federal civilian organizations.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have 19 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe was the principal speaker at the ceremony.

Training for the program is provided by the FBI Academy instructional staff, special agents and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise.

Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia due to the accreditation by the university of the many courses offered.

"Sgt. Greg Vonden Benken exemplifies the qualities of a superior leader in the law enforcement profession," Montgomery Police Chief Don Simpson said. "The City of Montgomery is proud of Sgt. Vonden Benken and his accomplishment in graduating from the very prestigious FBI National Academy. We are equally proud to count Greg as a colleague."

Vonden Benken joins Simpson and assistant Chief John Crowell as alumni of the FBI National Academy.



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UC's Harris M. Benedict Nature Preserve in Montgomery offers research opportunities for students.

Nature Preserve offers wealth of research for UC

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UC researchers are looking to get the word out about their forest of resources in Montgomery and what it offers to the community.

"Most people don't realize the gem we have just in our side yard there in the north end of the city," Mayor Chris Dobroszi said.

The Harris M. Benedict Nature Preserve, formerly the Hazelwood Nature Preserve, has been providing a wealth of research opportunities to University of Cincinnati students since the 1920s. Today it is used by members of the Biological Sciences Department at the main campus.

"A lot of people assume the whole thing is the John-

son Nature Preserve," UC professor Theresa Culley said.

The most common entrance into the Benedict preserve is through the Johnson Preserve, a city of Montgomery park which has an entrance on Deerfield Road. The 65-acre site that is owned by UC is a national preserve because of the amount of rare species that have been found in the preserve.

"We have been doing a lot of studies since 1999 about regrowth," UC professor Guy Cameron said.

About a third of the preserve was destroyed by the tornado that went through the area on April 9, 1999. Cameron said they have been able to study the effects on regrowth and multiple animal

populations.

The preserve is also one of six sites UC is using to study the effects of urbanization.

Culley said researchers have also been able to do a historical comparison study using data from studies from 1927, 1980 and 2010, which had led to multiple other studies about invasive species, such as honeysuckle and callery pear trees.

Culley said UC is working on improving the site with exterior landscaping and signage and hopes to do outreach with the community.

UC has partnered with Sycamore High School, which uses the corner of the preserve that backs up onto Cornell Road near the high school.

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UC also has an annual honeysuckle pull in the second week of November, which Culley said members of the community come out for. Cameron said they are also planning to mark trails within the preserve so

residents can walk through it without disturbing ongoing research.

"We want to protect the site but the neighbors and the community are the guardians of the site," Culley said.

Want to know more about what is happening in Montgomery? Follow Marika Lee on Twitter: @ReporterMarika



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Members of UC's Biological Science Department are looking to mark trails in the Harris M. Benedict Nature Preserve to make it more welcoming for residents and researchers alike.



MARIKA LEE/THE COMMUNITY PRESS

Bastille Day Celebration, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, July 16, on Montgomery Road in Montgomery. This French-American celebration features food, entertainment, games, stilt walkers, pony rides, face painting, putt-putt and walking tours. Admission is free. Call 891-2424; visit www.montgomeryohio.org.

Bones' Burgers food truck will park at Montgomery site

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The latest food truck to find a new home made of bricks and mortar is Bones' Burgers. Curtis Bonekemper has been selling burgers made from grass-fed beef from a truck for four years. Now he's moving into 9721 Montgomery Road. The location was most recently Anea, and before that, Verde Salad.

Curtis Bonekemper said the menu will be mostly the same as the truck: beef burgers from locally raised, grass-fed beef, veggie burger, a salmon burger and a turkey burger. He keeps 20-25 types of cheeses on the truck, so he'll keep that selection and may add grilled cheese sandwiches and perhaps macaroni and cheese. There will be new salads, a soup or chili, and he promises even better fries, including sweet potato fries.

In addition to taking over Anea's kitchen equipment and furnishings, he's getting its liquor license and will serve wine and beer, mostly local craft. Because the space doesn't need much work, Bonekemper plans to open by mid-August. The restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner 6 days a week, closed on either Sunday or Monday, with hours to 9 or 10 p.m. during the week, 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

By the spring, Bonekemper plans to take the truck out again, though he may limit it to private events.

Independence Day parade winners

The City of Montgomery would like to thank all of the parade participants and volunteers who made the annual Independence Day Parade such as success. Montgomery is truly a special community, with thousands of residents and visitors who came out to enjoy the parade despite the rain and cheered with enthusiasm and patriotism. Rough estimates indicate that 5,000 people lined the parade route.

The following award recipients were honored after the annual Montgomery Independence Day Parade for their enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. These winning parade entries received certificates and ribbons thanking them for their participation in the parade.

» Twin Lakes Senior Living Community won the Best Patriotic Spirit ribbon for their unhampered display of patriotism. Participating in the parade were residents of the senior living community located in Montgomery as well as associates, family members and the American Heritage Girls troop #0025 which meets weekly at Twin Lakes.

» Best Float ribbon was awarded to Myron Bowling Auctioneers. Myron and Cheryl Bowling drove a restored 1890s hitch wagon used on the streets of Cincinnati by the Swift Meat Co. and later by the Heinz Pickle Company. The hitch wagon was pulled by four black Percherons, each in excess of 2,000 pounds.

» Best Overall ribbon was given to the Greater Cincinnati Police and Fire Emerald Society. This all volunteer

organization is dedicated to honoring the fallen and celebrating the lives of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Members include police officers, firefighters, military and civilians.

Thanks also goes to the parade judges: MCLA Class of 2013 graduate and local realtor Brynn Fossett; James Stapleton of the Montgomery Ohio Chamber of Commerce; and Jim Mayer, a MCLA Class of 2014 graduate and member of the Montgomery Ohio Chamber of Commerce. A special thank you goes to parade announcers Greg Leader and Nancy Nolan of the Montgomery Arts Commission.

Plan next year to be a part of Montgomery's July 4, 2017 celebration, a day filled with patriotism, community pride and memories that will last a lifetime.